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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 30, 2006, for which a response was due on September 30, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The Applicants affirm the election of Invention II (claims 27-40), with traverse. The Applicants also affirm the election of species 2(b) directed to erythropoietin/erythropoietin analogs (claim 38). Claims 34 and 37 are withdrawn from further consideration, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to non-elected inventions. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

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